

# Westminster Employment Forum Keynote Seminar: Next steps for community learning in England

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Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.15 **Learning from the Community Learning Trust (CLT) Pilots**  
Senior speaker to be confirmed
- 9.15 - 10.05 **Developing community learning partnerships and securing investment**  
*What strategic approaches taken up by CLTs proved most effective; what effect did the differing area sizes have upon the pilots? What further steps can be taken to encourage community learning providers to develop local partnerships? What have been the most effective approaches employed by community learning partnerships to engage members of the community in the development of their strategy, such as workshops and community events? In what ways have community learning providers been successful in generating external investment - such as through fees and corporate sponsors - in addition to direct public subsidy; how are community learning providers, not involved in the pilots, adapting to the new funding requirements? Could more be done to support providers in taking advantage of grants provided both by Government and others such as the Big Lottery Fund and the European Social Fund?*  
**Neil Coker**, Senior Director, Access, Solihull College  
**Judith McManus**, Head of Operations, Aspire Sussex  
**Dr Toni Sant**, Education Advisor, Wikimedia UK  
Senior speaker confirmed from **Luton Adult Education**  
Questions and comments from the floor with senior speaker to be confirmed
- 10.05 - 10.30 **Regulating and raising standards in community learning**  
**Gillian Reay HMI**, Senior HMI, North-East and the Humber and National Lead, Community Learning and Skills, Ofsted  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 - 10.35 **Chairman's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.35 - 11.05 Coffee
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 - 11.35 **Sharing best practice and encouraging innovation**  
**Dr Cheryl Turner**, Head of Learning in Communities, NIACE  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 - 12.25 **Participation, learner satisfaction and engaging hard to reach communities**  
*How successfully do Ofsted's inspection framework and the Skills Funding Agency's community learning objectives, as set out in 'New Chances, New Challenges', correlate in driving improvement? What steps can be taken to increase participation in community learning? What strategies have proved successful so far in engaging disadvantaged and priority groups in community learning and what further action could be taken? What has been the impact of the Community Learning Innovation Fund in developing new approaches to widening participation? In recent years what types of community learning have proved most popular and how are providers reacting to changes in demand? How should success in community learning be defined and what are the drivers for improvement? What further steps can be taken to help more adult learners progress into employment, volunteering or further learning; could more be done to encourage providers and local employment services to work more closely together? What more could be done to encourage greater numbers of people to volunteer to become Community Learning Champions?*  
**Mike Attwell**, Education Director and lead Director for East and West Midlands, Workers' Educational Association  
**Paul Essery**, Chief Executive, Liquid Networks  
**Suzanna Jackson**, Warden, Mary Ward Settlement  
**Tom Wilson**, Director, Unionlearn  
Senior speaker confirmed from **National Numeracy**  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **Next Steps for Community Learning policy**  
**Liz Lawson**, Community Learning Team, Pre-Employment and Basic Skills Division, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Employment Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Jonny Roberts**, Associate Editor, Westminster Employment Forum